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First Named Inventor	Brian L. Gerhardt
Art Unit	3627
Examiner Name	O'Connor, Gerald J.
Attorney Docket Number	13DV-13466

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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#### AMENDMENT

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Sir:

It is requested that this Application be removed from Appeal and examined under a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. Please amend the above identified application as follows.



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